

REMARKS

In the Office Action of February 22, 2005, claims 1-92 were deemed subject to a restriction. More specifically, restriction is required for Group I (Claims 1-8, 27, 44-50), Group II (Claim 9-26, 28-43 and 51-56) and Group III (Claim 57-92).

By this Response, the Applicants provisionally elect Group I without traverse. Claims 1-8, 27, 44-50 and 93-98 are pending. Claims 9-26, 28-43, 51-56 and 57-92 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Cancelled Claims

Claims 9-26, 28-43, 51-56 and 57-92 are cancelled without prejudice or admission, including without limitation, with respect to Applicant's right to re-file the cancelled claims in a divisional or continuation application or with respect to the scope of the other claims.

Amendment to the Claims

Claim 50 has been amended to correct an informality. No change in the scope of the claim was intended or believed to have been made by this change.

New Claims

Claims 93-98 are new. As claims 93-98 depend from claims in Group 1, it is respectfully submitted that claims 93-98 fall within the scope of elected Group I. Support for the new claims can at least be found in paragraphs 122-127 of the specification as filed, thus no new matter has been added.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully requests consideration of the pending claims and a finding of their allowability. A notice to this effect is respectfully requested. Please feel free to contact the undersigned should any questions arise with respect to this case that may be addressed by telephone.

Respectfully submitted,
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